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Prescribed Burning Planned South of Prineville

Prineville, Oregon – As part of the pile burning program, fuels specialists from the Prineville BLM will continue burning several areas located on public land south of Prineville. Burning will begin April 19th, and will continue for approximately two days, depending on weather conditions. Fuels specialists attempted to burn this project area in February; however, weather conditions made most of the area too wet to burn.

The project areas are located adjacent to Prineville Lake Acres subdivisions I and II. Smoke will be visible to local residents and motorists traveling on Juniper Canyon, Klamath, Custer and Davis Loop roads.

This material is leftover from a thinning project designed to reduce the risk of wildfire moving from BLM-administered lands onto private lands in this area. This project was designed to meet objectives outlined in the Crook County Community Wildfire Protection Plan, which identifies a variety of actions that private and public land owners should take to reduce wildfire risk.

No road closures are expected; however, signs will be placed along Juniper Canyon Road to warn motorists of the prescribed burn activity. Smoke is expected to dissipate quickly to minimize impacts to local residences. In the event that smoke settles in along roadways, motorists should reduce speeds and turn on headlights. Patrols and mop-up activities will occur during and following ignition, and will continue until the burn is declared out.

All controlled burns are completed in cooperation with the Oregon Department of Forestry smoke management plan. For more information, visit the Central Oregon Interagency Dispatch Center website at www.fs.fed.us/r6/centraloregon/fire or contact the Prineville BLM at (541) 416-6700.

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